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Newsletter

March 2008

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Marilyn J. Praisner

Longest serving County Council member passed away Feb. 1, 2008, of complications following heart surgery. She was 66.



In Memorium

Statement by County Executive Isiah Leggett on the Passing of Councilmember Marilyn Praisner

"Nobody in Montgomery County government ever worked harder, knew more, or cared more than Marilyn Praisner. Whether serving her country in the Central Intelligence Agency, looking out for our kids as a School Board member, or laboring tirelessly to make a good County

better in her 18 years on the Council, Marilyn brought to whatever task at hand a keen intellect, a big heart, and a passionate devotion to public service. For me – and for the many thousands of people all over this County, this state, and this country whose lives Marilyn touched – there is a hole in our lives today where Marilyn used to be. She was a colleague, a dear friend, a loving wife, a caring mother, and a delighted grandmother. We mourn her loss. We celebrate her life. May God reach out and bless and comfort her loved ones."

"She was a remarkable woman, East County's best friend, an icon and so much more.... Her passion, compassion, advocacy and perseverance on behalf of East County residents as well as Montgomery County will always be remembered. She will be surely missed. Her memories and good work will live on forever...." **Anise Key Brown, Director, Eastern Montgomery Services Center.**

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 29

Presenting.... **"SuperWoman Doesn't Live Here Anymore"**



You may be able to do ANYTHING, but you still can't do EVERYTHING!

It's all too easy to get into the rat race but it's much harder to get out of it without the proper tools and guidance. We're stressing out at an all time high. Why? Because we're trying to be everything to everybody. We must learn to define what is valuable, reasonable, and possible and say no to the rest. **YOU CAN BE HELPED!**

Join us for lunch with *Barbara S. Talley*, Keynote Speaker, Poet, Author at an exciting workshop entitled **"Super Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore,"** that will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, on **Saturday, March 29 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Author, poet and motivational speaker Barbara S. Talley speaks on the themes of *vision, values and virtues*. She has been offering workshops to adults for more than 25 years on how to live a more purposeful, balanced and harmonious life through clarity of one's personal vision and value system. Her books include, "Super Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore," "On Track, On Fire and On Purpose," and "TalleyUp: The Excitement of Value-based Living." **The workshop is open to both men and women. Space is limited, pre-registration required!** Mail \$20.00 check payable to *Barbara S. Talley*, c/o, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, Attn: Superwoman Seminar, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. **To register, or for more information, call 240-777-8413.**



Marilyn J. Praisner addressing the Women's Entrepreneurship Program held at the Center on April 21, 2007

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**Montgomery County Police
3rd Dist. Police - Silver Spring
801 Sligo Avenue,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel # (301) 565-7740**



**Daylight Saving Time
begins at 2 am on
March 9th**

March 8th AARP Driver Safety Class : The AARP Driver Safety class is an 8-hour course that can help you learn not only the effects of aging on driving but also how you can adjust your driving. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates. **Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**; 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904; **Fee: \$10.00**; **Language: English** **Limited Seats only!** **Call # (240) 777-8400 immediately to register!!!**



Montgomery County Council approves Special Election for District 4

The Montgomery County Council has unanimously approved dates for special primaries and a special general election to fill the District 4 seat left vacant by the recent passing of Councilmember Marilyn Praisner. The resolution approved by the Council on February 19, established that special primary elections will be held Tuesday, April 15 and that the general election will be held Tuesday, May 13.

Candidates intending to be on a ballot in either the Democratic or Republican primaries must file by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 24. To be eligible to vote in the election, voters must be registered by Tuesday, March 25. Regular absentee ballots for the primaries must be requested by Tuesday, April 8. Regular absentee ballots for the general election must be requested by **Tuesday, May 6.**

For more information regarding the special primaries and election, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683) or go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=4313

Free ESOL Classes Offered in Eastern County - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in partnership with the Chinese Culture and Community Center, is hosting evening ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adults on Friday evenings through May 2008. Two classes are being offered – a “Beginner” and an “Intermediate” class, both meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The classes are open to anyone wishing to learn English and are free with a refundable deposit and \$20 book fee. The center is located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.



Spanish Class Continues : The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is offering “Intermediate Level Spanish” on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning March 3rd and running through April 21. The class meets at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. Students will need a basic knowledge of verb conjugation and sentence structure. The fee for the class is \$50 and includes all of the necessary learning materials. For more information, or to register, call 240-777-8400.



Offered in East County - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, continues to provide employment assistance on the *third Thursday of each month*. The next day to receive assistance at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, is **March 20, between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm**. Individuals can get help with skill assessments; resume writing, interviewing, career planning, networking and using computers to find job opportunities. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400.

Volunteer Reading Tutors Needed!!! Help a Second Grader Learn to Read

Committed and caring volunteer reading tutors are needed to work with second graders at these local public schools: **Fairland, Cannon Road, Jackson Road and Broad Acres Elementary Schools**. Tutor a child in reading each week for one hour, either during or after school hours. Tutor training and support as well as all books and materials are provided at each school. You can make a big difference in a child's life because reading is the gateway to learning! To find out how to volunteer, contact Cynthia Rubenstein of Passion for Learning at 301-562-6014 or Peggy Graham at Montgomery County Public Schools at 301-279-3890. See also:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/readingnetwork

Montgomery County Police encourage residents to communicate/Join County Gang Prevention Task Force

The Montgomery County Police Department has a Gang Tip Hotline available to report gang activity in Montgomery County. Call the Gang Tip Hotline at 240-773-GANG (240-773-4264), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave an anonymous tip. We welcome the community's continued interest in this issue. Email questions or comments online to gangtaskforce@montgomerycountymd.gov

For more information, visit

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/GangTF/index.asp>

Free Income Tax Preparation (for Seniors and Moderate/ Low Income Residents) beginning February 4, 2008 :

Call 240-777-2577 from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon - Fri.** for an appointment.

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Silver Spring locations are :

Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, 20904 (Bus Line: 39)

Long Branch Library, 8800 Garland Avenue, 20901 (Bus Line: 8)

Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, 20910 (Bus Lines: 13, 14, 22, Z's)

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Avenue, 20904 (Bus Lines: C8, Z2, Z3)

Burtonsville location : Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, 20866 (Bus Lines: Z6, Z9). **(Sponsored by : RSVP of Montgomery County, AARP, US Internal Revenue Service, MD Income Tax Division)**

EVENTS HELD AT THE CENTER!

East County Apartment Managers

Luncheon : The Eastern Montgomery Re-

gional Services Center hosted its semi-annual luncheon for area Apartment Managers on February 14th. This event part of the Center's East County Apartment Managers Partnership (ECAMP), a program designed to allow Montgomery County and Apartment Managers the opportunity to network regarding issues of concern to managers and residents of apartment communities. Over 20 Apartment Managers were in attendance. Representatives from the Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs and the Housing Opportunities Commission were the speakers. Topics cluded housing vouchers, the referral/complaint process, dealing with tenants "special needs," and creating better working relationships among managers and housing agencies. If you are an apartment manager in the Fairland, White Oak, or Cloverly area and would like to be added to our guest list, please call the Center at 240-777-8400.



Connect a Ride expands hours. For more info. go to

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/hhs/ads/disabilityseniorservices/connectarideflyer.pdf>

EAST COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NETWORK NEEDS HELP!!! :

It has come to our attention that the Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network (EMEAN) is in need of help in order to continue providing emergency financial support to East County residents in distress. EMEAN, a non-profit, faith-based organization, is one of the counties leading agencies providing assistance with utilities, prescriptions, and housing. They are staffed fully by volunteers. If you would like to help, you may mail your donation to : EMEAN, PO Box 10474, Silver Spring, Maryland 20914.

**1st Annual
East County Spelling Bee**

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fairland Community Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866



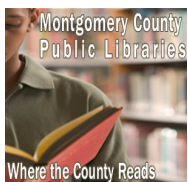
Children grades k – 5 that are enrolled in the following after-school programs will compete:

Fairland Kidz Club, East County Kidz Corner, and Good Hope PAL program.

For questions, contact Carol or Yolanda at 240-777-4970.

Wonderful Opportunities for Women (WOW) : We are once again preparing for a Wonderful Opportunities for Women (WOW) "Shopping Spree" that will be held this spring. This annual program is designed to assist women who are re-entering the workforce by providing them with professional attire. Each year thousands of women gain the necessary skills to re-enter the workforce after suffering from abuse, poverty, or having been victims of domestic violence. The WOW "Shopping Spree" is designed to help support their efforts, bolster their self esteem and increase their confidence by providing clean, professional clothing for job interviews and to enter their new place in the workforce with dignity and style. **Your help is needed!** Spring is almost here and your unwanted spring/summer clothing can be someone's good fortune. Please inventory your wardrobe and bring us your contribution of pre-hung clean, professional spring/summer suits and blouses. We are also in need of accessories such as shoes, purses, and jewelry. Your participation in making this event an inspiring experience for many women is greatly appreciated. Clothing may be dropped off at the Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. (Prior arrangements are not needed.) Call 240-777-8400 for more information.





LIBRARY NEWS! CALENDAR OF EVENTS !

Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866 Tel 240-773-9460

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=7>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=22>

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Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

The Peoples' Community Wellness

Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and Mobile Med.

If you have questions, please contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172 or

<http://www.primarycarecoalition.org/?q=peoplescommunitywellness>

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Speaker : Jere Stocks, President, Washington Adventist Health Care will give an update on proposed move to the east county.

To subscribe to our East County Newsletter, Programs & Events, click here <https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S EAST COUNTY TOWN HALL MEETING

The East County Town Hall Meeting will be held on

Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 pm.,

**Briggs Chaney Middle School, 1901 Rainbow Drive,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905.**

If you have an issue, concern, or compliment, plan to attend and let your voice be heard!

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to

http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

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FREE Compost Bins
available at EMRSC
Call 240-777-8400
M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

